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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 20.

A Cheerful Outlook

Lord Kitchener was expected by most people to ask for at least another million of men. When he says that he only wants 300,000, the impression left is that things must be going rather better than some critics fancied after the Germans did their dirty gas trick. There was a tendency then to think that Germany was having rather the best of it. The ground then gained by the Kaiser's troops has been practically recovered, and the loss to the Germans has been, on the whole, far more deadly than to the allies.

The Germans now know that they cannot defeat the allies in fair fight, and demoralization quickly sets in when men are reduced to fighting foot. The Germans have also done something still worse for themselves in adopting the gas method. Lord Kitchener says that the troops of the allies cannot be allowed to be left at a disadvantage in this respect, and that gas will be placed at their disposal also.

We feel sure that if gas be used it will be in a more humane form than the Germans adopted. There are many kinds of gas which would act quite effectively without torturing its victims, and probably some other gas than chlorine will be chosen. If the Germans find themselves overcome with carbon dioxide, or smothered with ether, they will know who began it, and who introduced the new element into the war game. We feel sure that if Germany gives guarantees not to resort to gas again the allies will gladly acquiesce. Germany's pride and self-esteem will probably prevent her admitting her fault. It is to be hoped that the evil influence which led to such malign innovation will not carry the Kaiser farther in the same direction. But whatever he does the handwriting on the wall becomes clearer and clearer.

Only 300,000 men are asked for by Lord Kitchener. This will mean no more than reserves to replace the wastage of the troops already in the field or in training. It supports the view held on the continent that the struggle cannot be prolonged beyond the present year. The French generals especially are optimistic, and they speak of something to be expected in the north which will change the aspect of affairs. At the same time, Holland is arranging to get a million men in training. Should anything occur to bring Holland into the fight on the side of the allies, Germany would be stricken at the heart. Her French and Belgian forces would be flanked and withdrawal to her own territory would become immediately necessary.

There is another element which may not be the same doubt about it that Dutch participation in the war possesses. Italy is ready to strike her blow just as soon as the allies are ready for it. Rumania is also ready. When these two powers come into the conflict it means that the critical moment of the war has arrived. It would probably have come before this but for the supreme effort made by Germany in anticipation of these new foes.

A blow on the west and then a blow on the east, but not two blows at the same time, was all that Germany could manage. The western blow has come to nothing, and already preparations are being made for the withdrawal of the German troops to a line considerably in the rear of the present one, with Zebrugga and Courtrai at the extremities, and Lille at the centre. The Russians are not nearly so badly off as German reports would have us believe. The Russian line is pivoting on Peremyel and appears to be in excellent shape, while the German attack has about spent its strength without getting any decisive result. As Germany is attacking, if results are not decisive the action is equal to a defeat. Russia by holding on long enough can turn her temporary set-back into victory.

Another element of success for the allies is to be found in the forcing of the Dardanelles. This work is going steadily forward, and a large part of the peninsula has already been occupied. The Turkish troops are fighting splendidly, it is said, but they are

CAN SEE RIGHT THRU HIM



caught in a trap, and the end is certain. The opening of the straits and the downfall of Constantinople will be almost simultaneous, and it is to be expected that the entry of Italy and Rumania, if not already accomplished, will take place then.

All this may take longer than some of the authorities believe it will, but the outlook is certainly not as gloomy as some of the prophets of the Jeremiah class describe. One clerical gentleman, with an enormous audience all over this continent, declares that the war will be an indecisive one; and others say that it will be a drawn battle, and that Germany will dictate, practically, the terms of peace. We do not believe that any peace will be made by the allies, the terms of which are not dictated to Germany by the allies in Berlin.

A war that ended at the Rhine would be equal to a defeat for France, Russia and Britain. Russia, especially, is not going to weary of the plow, now that she has put her hand to it, until the long furrow is turned to the end. Britain will never yield until the evil thing that threatens civilization and human freedom is destroyed. Canada will stand by that resolution to the last man.

A Coalition Government.

Also the British people have no liking for coalition governments, the unprecedented character of the situation may unite them in support of the proposal that has now been made. There will not be entire unity, for already opposition has been announced from the leaders of the extremists in both political parties. But while public opinion in the United Kingdom objects, as a rule, to coalition, it invites compromises, and in this may be found the solution of the troubles that have attended the Asquith cabinet, confronted, as it has been and is, with the stern realities of war.

The Asquith administration was one dependent on the preservation of international peace. It has carried three large schemes, having on their object the readjustment of the government on more democratic lines and the establishment of social reforms making for the betterment of the working classes. In this it has had the sympathetic support of the dominions overseas, that have provided for the more adventurous spirits of the motherland an opening denied them by the conditions arising from older and more rigid conventions.

A coalition cabinet at this time means greater efficiency obtained through voluntary agreement. It will not be imposed from without, as has been the case in Germany, but from within, by

the subordination of party to the high interests of the state. It means that all parties will unite in subordinating their individual claims to the common purpose of freeing Europe from the bondage of militarism, and securing, once and for all, the right of every state, however small, to live its own life and develop according to its own ideals.

If a coalition government is arranged it will come into existence on the basis of efficiency. That, we think, is apparent from the forecasts that have been published of its composition. There will be no square men in round holes, no sacrifice of individual ability to political opportunism. From all parties in the British Parliament will be drawn a cabinet which will represent the unity of the nation and the spirit of a united people. These were emphasized when Mr. Asquith intimated in the house of commons that the posts of prime minister and foreign secretary would be undisturbed. That of itself means agreement, and it also publishes to the world the fact that whatever the differences about particular acts, the whole nation is a unit in the struggle for national freedom, and the supremacy of international law.

Many telephone services were disconnected yesterday for non-payment in advance of the quarterly bill. We do not believe the management of the company realizes how inaccessible the office in West Adelaide street is for most citizens. We renew the suggestion that the Bell Company arrange with the banks to accept payment of accounts during the first month in which they are due. The company relies on the public sending a cheque, but all telephone customers have not bank accounts. As one of them remarked, how could we have a telephone and a bank account at the same time?

Ald. Ramsden thinks he might as well make a clean job of it and change all the German names in Toronto at the same time. He probably has not gone over the directory yet. A contemporary says there are at least sixteen streets with German names. A glance at the streets in the directory shows that this is an erroneous estimate. In the letters A and B alone there are at least ten and Battenberg and Bismarck are the only two mentioned by our contemporary. Under these letters there are Augusta, the name of the Kaiser's wife; Brunswick, the name of his son-in-law; Biecker, a leading Prussian general, generally spelled Blucher; and there are at least a hundred altogether.

Bravo Canadians!

London, Eng. Navy and Army. "Hail! Who goes there?" yapped the sentry. "What the hell's that got to do with you?" was the retort from the darkness, as the Canadian lumbered forward. Episodes of this character were related to be frequent during the training of the men from the other side. The wiseacre, as usual, shook his head ruefully over this absence of amenity to discipline, and prognosticated disaster when the Boys of the Maple Leaf got to the front. But the Canadian is fully aware of the necessity for discipline, especially when up against it. He is possessed of certain sterling qualities—they are common to

all colonials—which do not demand forced cultivation by discipline, but which are second nature. They are due to the conditions of the country in which these men move, live, and have their being. They have a tremendous feeling of self-reliance, possess initiative, are quick in thought, quicker to act, can take a sudden blow without reeling, and are able to let fly with an effective counter thrust. They are drilled in the school of Nature, who is the sternest of instructors. A vividly brought home to us by the gallantry and bravery of the Canadians in the recent latest German attempt to hack thru the khaki line at St. Julien. The Canadians were forced into a tight corner, and lost four of their guns. But they never lost their heads. In a flash they saw an opening, and made a spirited dash forward. The guns were retrieved, and the British line was well and firmly stood, and we can associate ourselves with the Canadian battle-cry, "The Maple Leaf Forever."

AUSTRIA AND ITALY REQUEST U. S. TO ACT

Diplomatic Interests in Rome and Vienna to Be Cared For.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Both Austria and Italy have asked the United States to care for their diplomatic interests in Rome and in Vienna, respectively, in the event of severance of diplomatic relations. The Washington Government has instructed its embassies in those capitals to be in readiness to do so.

ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS SEND MESSAGE TO FRONT

Special Cable to The Toronto World. ATHENS, May 19.—Correspondents of Italian newspapers are arriving at Athens in the evening of following the exportations of Italian expeditionary corps in the Dardanelles.

FUNERAL OF DROWNING VICTIMS.

Special to The Toronto World. NORTH BAY, Ont., May 19.—The funeral of Chas. Hadkey and Elgin Petherick, the two young men who were drowned at Longhead on May 10th, was held today, the remains being interred in the Union Cemetery. The undertakers were former residents of North Bay.

SOCIALIST DEPUTIES ENLIST.

ROME, May 19.—The Socialist Deputies, De Felice and Labriola, this afternoon enlisted in the Italian army. The announcement created a sensation because of the active opposition of many socialists to Italy's entrance into the war.

Protecting "White Horse" Trade.

Messrs. Mackie & Co., Ltd., the "White Horse" Distillers, have through the Bureau of Protection of Trade Marks, Wine and Spirit Trade, New York, instituted proceedings for the adulteration of their "White Horse" Whiskey against 20 defendants. Most of them, to save a trial, settled by payment of costs and damages. Similar proceedings are, we understand, being conducted in Canada. It is a pity that the trade does not realize the responsibilities attaching to it by conducting it honestly, as by such misconduct they are only playing into the hands of the prohibitionists. In Canada the result is evident in the present legislation, one province recently having gone dry and others look like following.

REV. FATHER CANNING WORE.

Rev. Father Hugh J. Canning of Our Lady of Lourdes Church was reported last night to be in a very critical condition.

SEVERAL LICENSES GO BY THE BOARD

Two Hamilton Hotels Given Three Months to Wind Up Business.

STRONG APPEAL FAILS

In Spite of Charges Against Metropole, the License Stays.

The Ontario License Board has given two Hamilton hotels three months in which to conclude their business, and the fate of third is now hanging in question. The Florida, managed by Maurice Reardon, and the Metropole, managed by William Hunter, have received notice of their short time limit, and the Athletic has also been granted three months, although its future is now under consideration. In addition, the same treatment is accorded three London hotels, the Queen's Park, Brunswick and Windsor, and the Bank, which was cancelled by the local board, goes out also. In all these cases action is taken on information received as to the character of the places. Five go at one sweep in the Windsor district. The Waverly, Country Club, Abar House, Paris House and Ganglester Tavern are given three months to close.

In spite of the charges brought against Richard Baird of the Metropole Hotel in Hamilton, the board decided to let the license stand. The case thrust an extended hearing promised to develop some serious features, and much evidence of a very personal nature was given. One incident was the calling of License Inspector Sturdy before the board in camera to explain his endorsement of a note in settlement of a threatened court action for alienation of a wife's affections.

Engaged as Housekeeper. At the outset Chairman Flavell explained that Mr. Baird had been charged with keeping the wife of the former proprietor, Henry James, in his establishment for several years, and that during that period he had settled out of court with a sum of money a charge brought against him by Henry Scott. W. S. McBrain appeared as counsel for Mr. James, and C. W. Bell represented Mr. Baird, who was present.

To the questioning of his own counsel Mr. Baird stated that Mrs. James was working in the hotel as housekeeper at the rate of \$15 per week, and had been since he took the place over. In regard to the charge that he had alienated the affections of Mrs. Scott, he stated that he had settled the action out of court to avoid scandal to her relatives and to his own. His relationship to both women had always been above reproach.

He stated that when James had sold the hotel his wife was destitute, and had come seeking a position so that she could support her child and her mother. He had given her work until the present. He acknowledged that he understood Mr. James had the idea of his wife staying in that house with her mother and daughter, but he had never allowed James to enter the premises. He knew that Mr. James took the law into his own hands by capturing his daughter on the way from school," asked Mr. McBrain.

Following the other charge, he was asked if he had not offered in a letter to help Mrs. Scott to bear part of the expense of a divorce case. He assented. He denied, however, that he had ever remitted any money to her. "Did you propose to marry her?" he was asked.

"I suppose that if she had got a divorce I would have married her," he said.

Had Made Mistake. After evidence had closed Inspector Sturdy acknowledged frankly that he had backed a Baird note, but stated that he had made a mistake in doing so.

The chairman stated afterwards that he had done right in freely admitting his mistake, and also that it was a wonder it was not as bad as if the matter had been reversed. He had known Baird since boyhood, and the action was a friendly mistake.

The chairman was convinced that nothing lay behind it. George Lynch-Staunton, K.C., had a conference with the board as to the renewal of the Athletic Hotel license, but decision was reserved.

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By Order of the Board, JAMES MASON, General Manager.

Toronto, April 21st, 1915.

MILLION FOREIGNERS NOW IN SWITZERLAND

Protection Will Be Accorded Americans and Subjects of Allied Governments.

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 19.—

(Via Paris, 4.20 p.m.)—There are nearly 1,000,000 Americans, Englishmen, Frenchmen, Russians, Italians and Serbians now in Switzerland who will receive protection from the Swiss federal government in the event of Italy's entrance into the war. From a military standpoint all four Alpine Swiss borders will be closed. Although the government has received formal guarantees that Swiss neutrality will not be violated, it has taken stringent measures to safeguard the frontiers. There is no thought, however, of a general Swiss mobilization. The most important question concerns the food supply for more than 5,000,000 persons, who soon may be surrounded by a wall of bayonets. Hope is expressed that the belligerent governments will give their aid.

Special Train Service From Toronto, May 22, Account Victoria Day Travel.

In connection with Victoria Day holiday travel, the Grand Trunk Railway will operate special train service, leaving Toronto Union Station, Saturday, May 22, as follows:

10.15 a.m., for Allandale, Barrie, Orillia, Severn, Muskoka Wharf, Huntsville, Algonquin Park, Burk's Falls and North Bay. Connections will be made at Muskoka Wharf for Muskoka Lakes and at Huntsville for points on Lakes of Bays. Parlor-library-buffet car to Algonquin Park, parlor-library-cafe car and first-class coaches to North Bay.

1.30 p.m., for Whitby Junction, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Cobourg and intermediate stations. Connection will be made at Hamilton for Brantford, Paris, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Dorchester and London.

1.15 p.m., for Hamilton, Brantford, Woodstock, Ingersoll, London, Stratford, Kerwood, Watford, Wyoming and Sarnia.

Secure your tickets early at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets, phone Main 4208, 458.

VARSITY MEN ENLIST.

Recruiting for the second university overseas company has begun at Varsity. Capt. G. M. Smith, who is in charge of the recruiting, expects to have a complete platoon of 60 men by the end of the week. The rest of the company is quartered in the McGill Union at Montreal. Capt. Macdonald expects that his company will train at Valley Field, Kingston.

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FURTHER EVIDENCE HELPS. Latest Development Bears Out Authorities in Holding Geo. Harman.

Evidence has been received by the registrar of aliens substantiating the internment of George Harman, who was interned on Saturday last. The evidence consists of a statement from a citizen well acquainted with Harman's movements. The statement goes on to say that Harman, carried a camera and field-glasses, and that he was in the habit of sending photographs to Germany.

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